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QCCC is sanctioned by the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), which has over 14,000 members in the USA. We are a non-profit club (501-C7) which raises money for and participates with various local children's charities. Dues and donations are not tax deductible. We strive to promote exciting, safe & fun ways to enjoy our Corvettes. We hold business meetings on the second Saturday of each month. Our monthly business meeting usually incorporates a social time afterwards. Our socials are always fun and are focused around food & drink. We've had swimming parties, bar-b-ques, cookouts, day trips and weekend trips. We participate in mountain tours, holiday parades and several homecoming parades at local area high schools. We also participate with several sister Corvette clubs in car shows, drag racing, and autocrossing. After an initiation fee of \$7.00, club dues are only \$8.00 a month, per family, and are to be paid quarterly. These dues go to cover the costs of running the club, mailing newsletters, and subsidizing the costs of our meetings. Club officers serve as volunteers. NCCC dues are \$30.00 a year.

To become a member of the QUEEN CITY CORVETTE CLUB, you must own a Corvette and attend at least two (2) monthly business meetings within a six-month time period. Express your wishes for membership during a monthly business meeting, be voted in and begin paying dues.



April 25, 2000

Dear Fellow Members:

Our April 7th meeting at Charlotte Motor Speedway provided essential feedback as to your desires and the culture of our club. In fact, our culture has become quite a topic of conversation amongst those I've spoken with lately. Although it's no surprise, our club is focused on having entertaining experiences that enable friends to join together. That's great! It's wonderful to have strong friendships and the bond of common interests.

But, as this year's President, I can't forget that QCCC is an organization. It requires direction, focus, member involvement and follow through. In representing you, I think this year's Board of Directors has five major goals to be completed before December 31:

1. Resolution to NCCC alliance and associated insurance issues.
2. Completion of the electronic newsletter project.
3. Completion of the Sponsorship program.
4. Execution of the Charities program announced in April.
5. Establish a foundation for continuing all types of Club growth in the future.

We've established committees to evaluate the opportunities in these areas. When the committees report their results, the Board will settle on the best two or three options and will communicate them to you through the newsletter. By operating in this way, we will avoid controversy be able to select the best of the best. We can vote our direction and make the most of our times together.

If you have an interest in these or other QCCC projects, please step forward. We need your help.

On the lighter side, special congratulations to Larry and Lois deMontegre for an outstanding win at AutoFair for a beautiful car. Also, congratulations to our newest members: Marty Helms, Lee Whitten, John and Sandy Carriker, and Ken and Lois Watts. Welcome!

Please make special note of Nancy's Social letter this month. The progressive dinners are back! The great experience we had in February will be repeated twice more this year. Sign up and have some fun!

Next month we're at the Austin's on Lake Norman for our meeting. We're also participating in the Johnsonville Packing Co. Speedway event on Memorial Day weekend. Our Club helps Johnsonville make its charitable donation really significant! Jon Elliott is organizing the event. I hope you can clear your calendar to be there and grill some brats on the World's Largest Bar-B- Que!

Best Regards,

P.O. BOX 473072 CHARLOTTE, NC 28247

SOCIAL REPORT

NANCY RUNNION 841-2283 nrunnion@carolina.rr.com

MAY NEWSLETTER

Here's wishing everyone a wonderful time in Savannah! Please be sure to read the Savannah update before heading to Knight's Stadium on the 28th.

Our next monthly meeting is being held on May 13 at the home of Jody and Judy Austin on Lake Norman. Attached are directions and a map. If the weather is nice, everyone is invited to arrive between 1 and 2 PM to enjoy the water. If it rains we will plan on starting the activities at 5:00 PM. The club is going to provide fried chicken and you all will be asked to bring the sides and your own drinks and chairs. I will send individual e-mails about these items.

The June 10th meeting will be held at Jane and Eddie Burt's home for their annual BBQ. Please plan to be there, our annual BBQ has become a great tradition at the Burt's!

By popular demand, we are going to have two more progressive dinners this year. I am hoping to have one in late June and one in the fall. I will be contacting folks for home locations for the event.

Also I need to get a head count soon for the train trip in the mountains this fall. They are now accepting reservations and are going to fill up quickly. I hope to have details and cost to share with you at the next meeting.

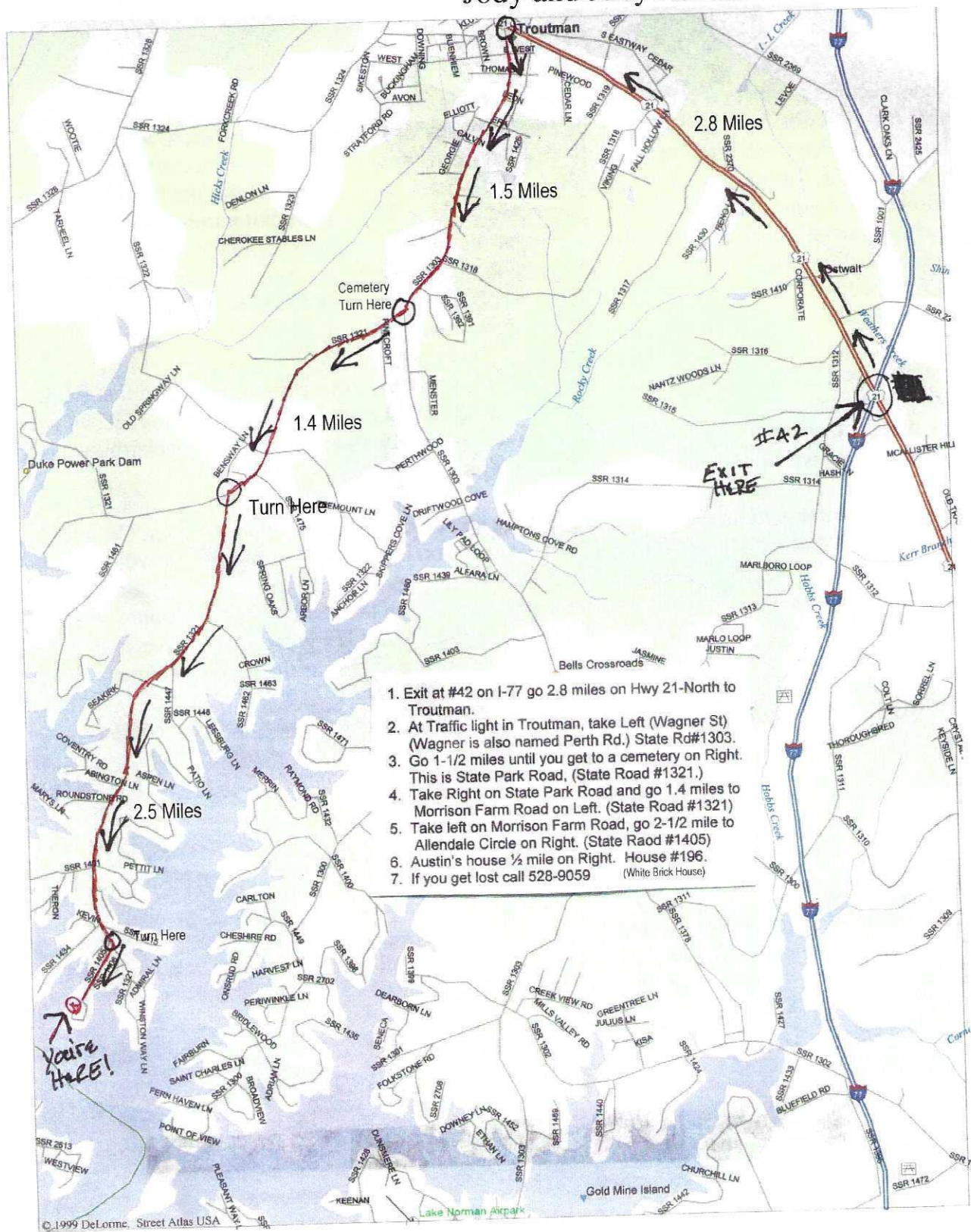
Make your reservations for the mountain and beach trip now. We are going to have a good time.

Following is a list of further events, which will be discussed in more detail as they come closer.

1. **April 28-30 - Savannah trip.**
2. **May 13 – Jody Austin's house on Lake Norman – Early Afternoon**
3. **Light parade – May 23**
4. **June 10- Eddie Burt's - 6:00 p.m.**
5. **June 25, (possible progressive dinner)**
6. **July 8-D. Carlton's place in Mt. Holly**
7. **July 30 – Brattonville Picnic and road trip**
8. **August 12 – PJ's in Matthews**
9. **Artis lake trip (dated to be determined)**
10. **September 9- PJ's Restaurant**
11. **September 14-17 Autofair**
12. **September 22 and 23 - Beach Trip to The Winds at Ocean Isle**
13. **October 14 - 4:30 Carrigan Farm**
14. **October 22 - trip to Daniel Boone Inn – Reservations at 12:30**
15. **November 11 – PJ's in Matthews**
16. **November 3-4 - Mountain trip to Balsam, North Carolina**
17. **December 9 - Christmas party and meeting - Country Inn in Matthews 6:30 - \$12.95 (includes tip and tax).**

Map to the home of

Jody and Judy Austin



1. Exit at #42 on I-77 go 2.8 miles on Hwy 21-North to Troutman.
2. At Traffic light in Troutman, take Left (Wagner St) (Wagner is also named Perth Rd.) State Rd#1303.
3. Go 1-1/2 miles until you get to a cemetery on Right. This is State Park Road, (State Road #1321.)
4. Take Right on State Park Road and go 1.4 miles to Morrison Farm Road on Left. (State Road #1321)
5. Take left on Morrison Farm Road, go 2-1/2 mile to Allendale Circle on Right. (State Road #1405)
6. Austin's house 1/2 mile on Right. House #196.
7. If you get lost call 528-9059 (White Brick House)



News from the NCRS

The National Corvette Restorers Society is a great source for learning about your pre-84 Corvette. Judging manuals are available that describe in detail how various areas of your car was assembled when it was shipped from the factory. It is a lot of fun to go through a judging manual that is applicable for your model year and see what is correct and what is not. Restoring a car to appear as it did when it was delivered from the factory may not be for everybody. However, if your going to replace a part, knowing what the correct part number is or how it was originally configured may make a difference in the future life of the car. The judging manual covers four areas of concern: mechanical, chassis, interior, and exterior. During the judging process, if enough points are accumulated in each category, a Top, Second or Third Flight designation may be appropriate. A Flight judged car has a lot of significance as to the originality and condition of the car for whatever reason.

NCRS has a WEB site (www.NCRS.org) that is very informative. It contains a discussion board area that fields questions and answers from many NCRS members. The questions are about everything and anything related to Corvettes. I dare say that someone will answer any question you may have with knowledgeable background and/or experience given a reasonable amount of response time. You need to check it out!

There are a few local events coming up in the near future that are sponsored by the Carolina Chapter. On May 6th, a Spring Fling meet will be held at Knight's Cars Inc. (704 289 4446) on highway 74 in Monroe. It will be a small meet with a few cars. Judging will be from 9am until 2pm and it will be a great opportunity to learn about the process. If you are in the area, stop by. The Carolina Chapter is also hosting the "Fall in the Mountains" road tour/meet in Banner Elk on September 29-October 1. *This is a lot of fun* and it is a great way to have your car judged without a lot of hassles. This is well worth the trip if you can. More on this as the date gets closer.

The main purpose of NCRS is to *learn about Corvettes*, *promote Corvettes* and *to have fun*. What could be better?

Save the Wave,

Walt Krupowicz
Vice Chairman, Carolina Chapter NCRS

2000 QCCC CLUB POINTS

Through the middle of April, Bob Denny is leading the points race with a very tight bunch following. Those close behind are David Carlton, Fred Fischer, Scott Hamilton, John Meadows, Bill and Candy Lake and Jim Weisberg. There are many others in close position, but none the less still following.

Starting May 1, 2000, the points system will be out on the Website.

Remember, you must sign the waiver sheets at each event to let me know that you participated in that event. There is still a long way to go in this race! We want to see more of our club members on the lead laps trying to knock off some of those front runners.

John Meadows CRUZINC5

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Minutes from April 7, 2000 QCCC Meeting

The April QCCC business meeting was held at Lowe's Motor Speedway. All officers were in attendance. Thanks were given to Tony Prior, E.O. Oakley and Jon Elliott for their contributions to last month's newsletter. Any new newsletter contributions are due April 25. QCCC received thank-you letter from Thompson Children's Home for contributions from the scavenger hunt, which totaled \$100.00.

Old business: Autocross is June 17 and 18. Volunteers needed to help with 10 events. Pete and Gail Dawley, regional competition directors, will assist with timing, tech, etc. Please let Eddie, Fred or Jeff know if you can assist. Saturn of South Boulevard will be providing food at the autocross. Jane has arranged for a porta-potty. Need to distribute flyer to ensure good turnout. Status of rooms at Balsam Mountain Inn is 23 rooms are reserved but still holding 7 rooms for club. Would like to have all 46 rooms reserved for club. Motion was made to accept minutes in April newsletter, seconded, and passed. February minutes have yet to be accepted and Board will discuss any additions or changes at next board meeting. March business meeting minutes are accepted. New business: Jon Elliott notified club of WRFX promotional giveaway of 1978 Corvette on May 26. QCCC is being promoted on the station. Lowe's Motor Speedway has requested a letter and pictures from the club of the parade lap. LeMans posters and 1999 coupe posters are available. Regarding Cruse Auctions, eBay has consigned with Cruse to waive the \$69.95 charge for anyone wanting to sell his or her Corvette. The Balloon Fest and Air Show is this Mother's Day weekend. Need 18 to 20 cars to travel to Burlington to participate. Jon has flyers. It is free admission, and over 100,000 people are expected to attend. Volunteers are also needed to work the Johnsonville Packing Co. grill during Memorial Day weekend at LMS.

Bob Denney informed club of new racetrack named Carolina Motorsports Park near Kershaw, SC. To rent the track all day costs \$4,000. Bob asked the Club how many members were interested in renting the facility for a day. It would be a non-sanctioned event. Roughly \$80 per person. There is some interest from the club. Bob will have notice in upcoming newsletter to gauge interest and to obtain money needed to rent facility. Regarding the 2000 charity program, Jeff will make \$500 contribution this weekend to Speedway Children's Charities on behalf of club. Fred gave notice to club of Christmas donation to at least two needy families. Laminated QCCC signs are for sale for \$5/pair. David Carleton has a smoke top for C4 for sale for \$300.

Prospective members were introduced and voted in as new members: Marty Helms, Lee Whitten, John and Sandy Carriker, and Ken and Lois Watts. Guests were introduced: Neil Whittaker, Joe Massey, and Mike Dulaney.

Jeff Estridge informed club that Community Service books are for sale for \$10 each. North and South versions are available. Club makes \$5 off of every sale. They are to be sold by April 22. There is a drive to get a commemorative Corvette stamp in 2003. Please sign petition if in favor. There is event in North Davidson St. area on Father's Day weekend and a car show in Kings Mountain at Classic Diner on April 16 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Jeff needs to include new members' section in newsletter and needs pictures and bios from new members. Jody Austin has purchased a 1996 Grand Sport.

Candy Lake has pictures and video for sale of parade lap at Lowe's Motor Speedway. Video can be ordered unedited or edited with music. Please see Candy to order.

Regarding Savannah trip, there are several groups leaving at different times. See Eddie Burt to depart at 7 a.m. and Renee Frazier to depart at 2 p.m. Otherwise, everyone is leaving at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed to work the pizza party Friday night. Volunteers are also needed on Saturday. There are 225 paid dinners on Saturday night. Next business meeting is at Jody and Judy Austin's house. Regarding NCCC allegiance/alliance, Eddie has spoken with Nelson Hoening, Regional Membership Director, to ascertain what club gets from NCCC alliance. Nelson replied club gets insurance protection at events from K&K, the ability to compete nationally, Blue Bars, and annual membership packet. Fifty-one percent of club membership needs to be NCCC members to retain affiliation. If this percentage is not maintained, club members can be NCCC members at large. Discussion on improving and/or replacing insurance. Rick Witcher contacted Hagerty's Classic Car Insurance, which now has a car club program. Prices for insurance comparable to NCCC. Eddie and Fred will continue investigation of obtaining insurance quotes. Jim Weisberg suggested taking another look at Bylaws mandating mandatory NCCC membership. Fred suggested polling the membership to ascertain members' thoughts regarding NCCC and possibly having original Bylaws Committee investigate. NCCC matter was tabled for further discussion.

Motion to close April meeting made, seconded, and passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Candy Lake

Minutes from April 14, 2000 QCCC Officers' Meeting

The QCCC Officers' meeting convened on Friday, evening, April 14, 2000, at Jeff Estridge's residence at 7:00 p.m. All officers were in attendance. Scott Hamilton was also in attendance.

Contribution still needs to be made to Speedway Children's Charities. Check will be given, hopefully to Humpty Wheeler with media fanfare, in front of Johnsonville display. Regarding pictures and video taken of parade lap on April 1, Fred will e-mail club members a reminder to place orders with Candy Lake at the next business meeting. Fred will also insert reminder in newsletter regarding laminated signs for sale. Deadline for selling community service books is April 24. Autocross flyers are in distribution. Fred has received several offers to work autocross. Board needs list of volunteers from Jon Elliott who are working Johnsonville grill during race weekend. Regarding Savannah trip, personalized packets are ready to be distributed. Greg Beavers will be the bartender for Friday night's pizza party. Caravans are leaving at 7:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. The main caravan is leaving at 9:00 a.m., with a driver's meeting at 8:45 a.m. Nancy is planning two more progressive dinners. Charlie Brackett will not be hosting September meeting, as his road is not in good shape. September meeting has been rescheduled for PJ's. Regarding mountain trip, 23 out of 30 rooms have been taken at the Balsam Mountain Inn. The other rooms held for QCCC are being released to the public.

Subject of insurance and club membership affiliation with NCCC is tabled.

Tony Prior has asked Fred for two versions of newsletter, one in PowerPoint and one in Word. Tony will post next newsletter on club's website with password protection in Adobe Acrobat format. Tony will test this electronic format by e-mailing the newsletter to a few club members. In 60 days, Board will send first version of newsletter to about half-dozen members. If successful, newsletter will be posted on website. Goal is to put monthly newsletter on the website to be downloaded or just to view. However, website cannot store newsletter archives. This will be done by Candy, who will print out and store newsletter copies in club archives.

Scott Hamilton has had one meeting of the Dealership Committee. Dealerships have not and are not actively seeking out club. Need club demographics as to average income, age, number of Corvettes, etc. Need someone to do face-to-face negotiations with dealerships. Also need list of what club wants from dealerships, such as possible free QCCC membership with Corvette purchase, but bylaws would need to be changed for this. Good possible sponsor includes Bill Lambert with Collins & Aikman, producers of convertible tops.

Regarding change in bylaws, letter has to be sent to secretary of club from the person suggesting change and published in newsletter. Letter to request change of reimbursement language regarding expenses to VP Social and/or VP Competition from "up to" \$500 to "not to exceed" \$500. Executive board can only spend up to \$1,000 per year on capital expenditures. Board can authorize VP Social to spend as much as needed as long as it is not on capital expenditures. Question raised of what is an NCCC charter. Copies of articles ordered from N.C. Secretary of State. Bylaws specify mandatory NCCC membership. Club currently has \$1 million liability policy protecting non-club members from suing club members and/or club. Eddie is currently checking with various insurance companies to obtain rate estimates for club. Possibility of changing bylaws to state NCCC membership is voluntary, not mandatory. Fred and Eddie to discuss drafting proposal with several alternatives to include in future newsletter and get feedback from members.

Regarding NCCC numbers in membership list, any member who hasn't been assigned an NCCC membership number will be noted in membership list as "NCCC application in process."

Flyer regarding cruise night at South 21 will be included in next newsletter, along with event flyers.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Candy Lake

Frederick R. Fischer
8317 Prince George Road
Charlotte, North Carolina 28210

April 24, 2000

Ms. Candy Lake, Secretary Queen City Corvette Club
2824 Forest Lawn Drive
Matthews, NC 28104

Dear Candy,

In compliance with QCCC By Laws Article X, Section 1, paragraph a. consider this as a request for By Laws amendment. This request has been discussed and approved by the QCCC Board. It is believed by the Officers that the language regarding the independent commitment of Club funds by the VP of Social Events and VP of Competition should be changed.

Current By Laws wording:

Article IV Section IV, paragraph C: "The Vice President of Competition shall have the authority to spend up to and including thirty percent (30%) (or up to \$500.00)..."

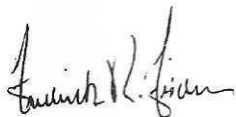
Article IV, Section IV, paragraph D: "The Vice President of Social Events shall have the authority to spend up to and including thirty percent (30%) (or up to \$500.00)..."

Proposed By Laws wording:

Article IV Section IV, paragraph C: "The Vice President of Competition shall have the authority to spend up to and including thirty percent (30%) (not to exceed \$500.00)..."

Article IV, Section IV, paragraph D: "The Vice President of Social Events shall have the authority to spend up to and including thirty percent (30%) (not to exceed \$500.00)..."

Sincerely,





Robert D. Denney

Telephone 704/662-7958

112 Canopy Court
 Mooresville, NC 28115-3197

April 20, 2000

At the last meeting I brought up a way that each of us could drive our Corvettes in a "Parade Lap" setting. I explained that we would not be racing.... we would match drivers in groups of 5 or 10 cars. Each group would be "Paced" by an experienced driver, who would allow some speed but not allow anyone to experience the full speed capability of their car or the track.

I contacted Carolina Motor Sports Park to determine the cost of renting the Park for a day. With emergency personnel, we could rent the park for about \$3500.00 and Insurance for a day would cost about \$500.00 making the total cost \$4000.00. The cost per person would depend upon the number of participants. Example 50 cars would cost \$80.00 per car. Then both the family members could drive the car for no additional cost.

When it was voted on during the meeting quite a few people voted to participate. Fred ask me to create a ballot for the members to vote, saying they want to drive or they don't want to drive.

I have created this ballot for each member to express his or her interest. Please check one of the boxes and express your maximum cost you are willing to pay to drive in this event. Send the ballot to Fred Fischer, or Email the following information to Fred or me. We will tabulate the ballots and determine if we have sufficient participation.

Name: _____

_____ Want to participate. _____ Number of Drivers.

_____ Don't want to participate.

_____ Maximum amount I would be willing to spend.

This will not be restricted to QCCC members. If you have a friend who has some other Sports Car and he or she wants to participate..... Have them fill out a ballot.



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Burlington/Alamance Regional Airport - I-85/I-40 Exit 143

All members & guest of Queen City Corvette Club are invited to attend the Balloon Festival & Air Show in Burlington, NC. Bring your Corvette and display it on the airport grounds with some of the worlds most beautiful & historic aircraft. Admission & parking are free for all Corvette drivers and passengers. Your participation benefits the Hospice League of Alamance County. Don't forget to bring your cameras.

If you need additional information on this event, contact Jon Elliott (704) 542-0141, elliott6t3@email.msn.com or mobile (704) 408-3230.

Saturday May 13, 2000

9:00 AM Depart from Bob Evans restaurant off of I-85 & exit 49, near Concord Mills, for the 96 mile caravan to the show site. Enjoy the festivities as long as you wish. You may leave with plenty of time to return for the QCCC meeting and social.

Sunday May 14, 2000

9:00 AM Depart from Bob Evans restaurant off of I-85 & exit 49, near Concord Mills, for the 96 mile caravan to the show site. Enjoy the festivities as long as you wish.



Team up with QCCC & Speedway Children's Charities!

QCCC has been asked to provide volunteers to prepare and serve Johnsonville bratwurst during the May 2000 racing events at Lowe's Motor Speedway. This is tons of fun!

For the 3rd year in a row, QCCC has been asked to provide manpower to operate the Johnsonville Bratwurst grill & concession stand during race week activities at Lowe's Motor Speedway in May. We need you to volunteer. Please review the following schedule and decide which shift(s) you would like to work. Reply by email or phone to Jon Elliott. Jon will compile and print everyone's schedule. Complimentary parking passes will be issued to QCCC volunteers. Visitors and guest are welcome too. All proceeds from this event go to Speedway Children's Charities.

Straight Axle Shift:	Friday	May 26	3:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Mid-Year Shift:	Saturday	May 27	8:00 am – 2:00 pm
C-5 Shift:	Sunday	May 28	8:00 am – 1:00 pm
Shark & C-4 Shift:	Sunday	May 28	11:00 am – 6:00 pm

To volunteer, send your shift preference to elliott6t3@email.msn.com or call 542-0141.

The shift names are for planning purposes only!



Notes from all over....



March 31, 2000

Queen City Corvette Club
Attn: Mr. Fred Fischer
P.O. Box 473072
Charlotte, NC 28247

Dear Mr. Fischer:

On behalf of everyone at Thompson Children's Home, I would like to express our gratitude for your recent contributions. Thompson Children's Home could not provide quality services and a nurturing environment for children without the support of friends like you.

Thank you for including Thompson Children's Home in your scavenger hunt. It was my pleasure to meet everyone and to admire the cars. Your group raised \$100 for our boys and girls, and we greatly appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Thank you again for partnering with us in our important work serving North Carolina children and families. Because of friends like you, our boys and girls are able to heal and grow in a loving environment.

Sincerely,

Tiffany N. Taylor
Tiffany N. Taylor
Director of Volunteer Services

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SOUTH 21 CRUISE NIGHT 2000

April 20
May 18
June 15
July 20
Aug 17
Sept 21
Oct 19
Nov 16
Dec 21

(3rd Thursday of the month)

Location: 3631 South Blvd.
Time: 5:00pm - until...
Info: call 527-5530
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Notes from all over....

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April 10, 2000

Queen City Corvette Club
 Queen City Corvette Club Qccc
 Po Box 473072
 Charlotte, NC 28247

Dear Queen City Corvette Club:

Just a quick note to introduce myself to you and invite you to consider Sonny Hancock Chevrolet, Oldsmobile, Cadillac for your next vehicle purchase. We have the largest selection of new and/or pre-owned vehicles in the area.

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Please contact me at (704) 864-8786 if you have any question, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Tom Wells

Tom Wells
 Sales & Leasing Representative

PS. CONGRATS ON THE CHARLOTTE SHOW! YOU GUYS HAD THE MOST BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION OF VETTES AT THE SHOW. THE NASSAU BLUE C-5 COUPE WAS AWESOME AS WELL AS THE ROMAN RED 59. THANKS AGAIN TO MR. ELLIOTT FOR THE POSTER. MR. ESTRIDGE BEING A CORVETTE OWNER MYSELF I'M REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THESE NEW C-5S AND WOULD LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PASS IT ALONG. IF YOU OR ANY OF YOUR FINE MEMBERS HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL ME. THANKS!



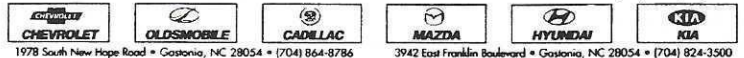
Real,

Spokane Chevrolet has designated JR. Randal to handle all parts requests for members of the Queen City Corvette Club

It may be will be best copy/paste this and you can call him at home or use his pager for service after hours.

Tom Wells

Tom Wells



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Event Flyers....



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CONCOURS VII
 SOUTHERN CORVETTE CLUB
AT BEASLEY CROSS CHEV., KANN, NC
 AT BEASLEY CROSS CHEV., KANN, NC



EVENT : 2 DAY CONCOURS
 DATE : AUG. 12 & 13, 2000
 LOCATION : BEASLEY CROSS CHEV. (MAP ON BACK)
 SANCTION # : CR 375-1-44
 REGISTRATION BEGINS NOW !!!!!
 ENTRY INFO : PRE-REGISTRATION DUE BY 8 / 04 / 00
 NCCC = \$20 NON-NCCC = \$23
 AFTER 8 / 04 / 00 NCCC = \$22 NON - NCCC = \$25
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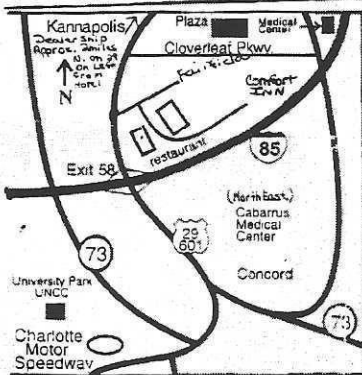
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 PRE-REGISTRATION FORM FOR CORVETTES ONLY !!!!!

NAME _____ NCCC# _____
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 ADDRESS _____
 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
 PHONE _____ CLASS _____ YEAR & COLOR OF VETTE _____
 CLUB _____
 CONCOURS : NCCC MEMBER @ \$20 _____ NON-NCCC MEMBER @ \$23 _____
 VENDOR @ \$20 _____
 TOTAL = _____

MAIL TO:
 ALAN BEAVER
 1104 Highland Ave.
 Landis, NC 28083
 (704) 855-1348 leave message

AGAIN, PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
 THANK YOU !!!!!



HOTEL INFORMATION

THIS LIST OF HOTELS ARE
 WITHIN 3MILES OF THE SHOW!
 MICROTTEL (704) 782-2300
 HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS (704)
 736-5181
 STUDIO INN (704) 788-2140
 FAIRFIELD INN (704) 795-4808
 HAMPTON INN (704) 793-9700
 SLEEP INN (704) 788-2150
 COMFORT INN (704) 786-3100

EVENT FLYER

Date: June 3, 4, 2000 Event Type: (10) Low Speed Autocross

Location: North AFB, North, S.C.

Club: Columbia Corvette Club
Charleston Corvette Club

Region: Carolina Event: 2 day autocross Registration opens: Sat & Sun @ 8:00 AM

Closes: After 1st run of each event Entry info: \$7.00 per event (\$70.00 w/e per driver)
Drivers Meeting @ 8:45 AM each day
First car out 9:15 AM

Exhaust: open

Map & event sanctions:

Map on reverse side

	<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Sunday</u>
Sanctions:	CA334-1-058	CA161-6-063
	CA334-2-059	CA161-7-064
	CA334-3-060	CA161-8-065
	CA161-4-061	CA161-9-066
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Event Data: No changing of classes after registration, unless car brakes
Two runs per event, some events will be multiple laps.
Awards per NCCC

Saturday June 3, 2000

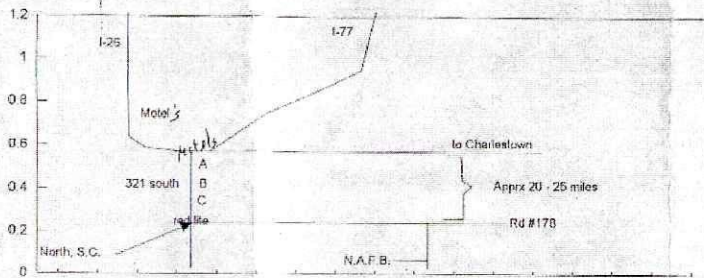
Event Chairperson
Name: TBA

Governor Corvette Club of Columbia
Name: Harry Woodard
235 Pleasure Island Road
Gilbert, S.C. 29054
(803) 892-3960

Sunday June 4, 2000

Event Chairperson
Name: TBA

Governor Corvette Club of Columbia
Name: Skip McBride
187 Middleton Drive
Goose Creek, S.C. 29445
(803) 553-7848



When traveling on 321 South, you will pass thru:

- A. Gaston
- B. Swansea
- C. Woodford

Then comes North, S.C.

At the traffic lite== turn left Rd #178

go about 3 miles then turn right again, the base entrance
will be on your right about a half mile down the road.

Motels are Located in Columbia-there is nothing in North.

Best Western I-26 & SC302 Airport Exit 803-796-9400
Days Inn I-26 & SC302 Airport Exit 803-796-9900

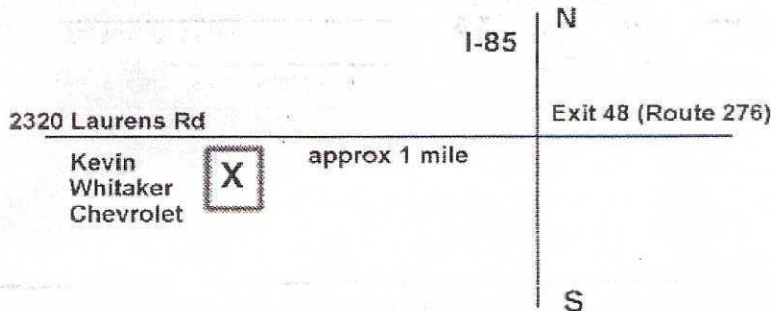
Event Flyers

NCCC OFFICIAL FLYER

SANCTION #: CA014-1-047 TYPE OF EVENT: Rallye
DATE: May 27, 2000 Gimmick
(If Drag Races include rain date) (If Rallye include Rallye type)
REGISTRATION: OPENS: 10:00 AM CLUB: Carolina Corvettes, Inc
CLOSES: 11:00 AM REGION: Carolina
DRIVERS MEETING TIME: 11:00 AM ENTRY FEE: \$12 (Includes Lunch)
FIRST CAR OUT TIME: 11:15 AM LOCATION: Greenville, SC
SPEED EVENTS: *HIGH SPEED: _____ LOW SPEED: _____
EXHAUST - OPEN: _____ CLOSED: X

MAP AND EVENT INFORMATION:

A Gimmick Rallye thru the South Carolina/ North Carolina Foothills.
The event will begin at Kevin Whitaker Chevrolet,
2320 Laurens Road in Greenville, SC.
(Route 276 approx 1 mile west from I-85 exit 48)



BE SURE TO INCLUDE A LOCATION MAP - REVERSE SIDE MAY BE USED

EVENT CHAIRPERSON:

NAME: Debbie Simmons

ADDRESS: 19 Linkside Drive
Taylors, Sc 29687

PHONE #: (864) 322 - 7282



GOVERNOR:

NAME: Verne Tomlins

ADDRESS: 217 Westchester Way
Easley, SC 29642-8201

PHONE #: (864) 295 - 1784

*NOTE: In High Speed Events: 1. All roadsters must have roll bars as outlined under Section on Technical Inspection For Speed Events. 2. Fire extinguisher (min. 5 BC) required in all groups and classes. 3. It is highly recommended (required in Group III) that all competing cars be equipped with roll bars or roll cages. 4. All entrants must be High Speed Certified and fire suits are required for Group III.

Best of Show

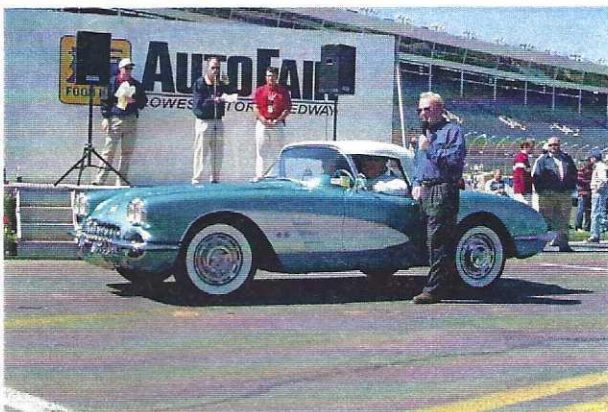


Dear QCCC,

Jeff asked Lois and me to write a brief note about our recent award for Best of Show at the Auto Fair on April 9, 2000. We do not compete and do not want to enter into that arena; however, we were pleased that the club asked us to enter our car. We were told by club members that "no corvette had ever won this event" so it was a no pressure competition for us. Eventually, a judge came by and asked us to pull to the side of the line up and I told Lois that we were probably beneath standards. We know our car and it did not appear to be as nice as the flawless trucks, hot-rods, and vintage cars that surrounded us.

Eventually, another judge came by and asked us what we had done to the car. We told him that (10) years ago our vette was a race car with an incorrect engine and transmission. The former owner, however, had kept all of the original equipment and had returned the car to its original condition. Also, the numbers do match but we use a clutch fan from a '61 to keep everything cool. There are obvious nicks on the body and the tail lights are finely cracked...but original. They were "not looking at every nut and bolt" but rather wanted a straight car that had been well cared for. We won based upon that criteria. The most fun was (1) hearing the club named, (2) hearing from the podium that we had been selected over 3,000 cars and 100 clubs, and (3) receiving applause from bystanders who seemed pleased to see our '59 win. It was great to have been asked to enter by the club and we will always be grateful for the opportunity.

Larry and Lois



Auto Fair 2000

*P*urple *R*acer **Report**



Wow.....another busy month...April was an exciting time for QCCCAuto Fair...American LeMans....Pottery Crawl....Savannah trip.....Well May settles down a little ...but there's still a lot to do

First off ...i wanna thank Nancy for the incredible job she's doing / done as Social Director, think about it folks....she's lining up this stuff for all of us to enjoy ...and works full timeif you haven't thanked her personally ...please do....all the officer's job's are tough ...and Nancy goes way beyond the call of duty .

Be sure and see the spread about Larry & Lois deMontegre beautiful '59 that's our cover car this month. Larry & Lois recently took " Best in Show" at the spring Auto Fair at Lowes Motor Speedway. This is the first time a vette has ever taken this honor in the history of the Auto Fair and they were extremely gracious and deserving of this award. Be sure and congratulate them for representing QCCC so well.

Coming up this month we've got the Parade of Lights on Tues. May 23 in downtown Charlotte for the World 600 Festival Week. I'll have more details in the weeks to come , but all those interested need to meet at 6:00 on Tues. in the parking lot at 1st Baptist Church downtown behind Marshall Park near McDowell & 3rd street.....the parade actually starts at 8...but we need to be there early to line up...pick up passengers, etc.. Any questions...give me a call.

As of this writing, we've sold about 60 of the 100 coupon books we had, ..this will net the club approximately \$300.00 for our charity club. Greg & Kim Beavers were our top sales team with 20 books sold...thanks guys!

Be sure & check your calender & also CHECK YOUR E-MAIL ...more and more the club is using this method to spread the word about events and announcements. If your E-mail is not listed in the latest club directory....please see Candy and make sure she has it (and correctly)

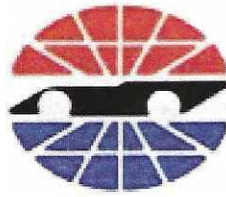
FINAL NOTE: ALL NEW MEMBERS....I NEED A SHORT BIOGRAPHY ON YOU AND PICTURES FOR UPCOMING ISSUES....PLEASE SEE ME AT ANY OF OUR EVENTS. THANKS !

TIL NEXT MONTH.....SAVE THE WAVE ~~~~~

JEFF

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LE MANS
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C H A R L O T T E

The LE MANS pre-race parade lap event was great! We arrived at the track early Saturday morning. Excitement started to

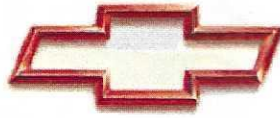


build as our club members began arriving and lining up. First the straight axles, then mid-years, C3s, C4s and finally the C5s. Renee and I were excited to be driving the first car out, right behind the pace car and then to see 52 other corvettes behind us! It was exciting, but we were nervous too!

We entered through the tunnel and turned onto the road course. Renee started taking pictures (hopefully avoiding the back of my head and sun visors unlike our pictures taken in Daytona!) Here we go! Accelerate on the road course, then on to NASCAR turn 1 on around turn 2 and then the back straight, I wanted to go faster but the pace car kept us around 60 mph! As we approached the high banking of turns 3 and 4 Renee asked if we might roll over. I of course said yes, which didn't seem to help calm her nerves. It was neat approaching the Start/Finish line while listening to the announcer talk about all our Corvettes. We then came around to re-enter the road course and finish the lap. Hard to believe it was over so quickly.

That was Fun! Let's do it again!

Benny and Renee Frazier



by E.O.Oakley

On March 13-15, 2000, I opened my '99 Christmas present: the 3-day **Bragg-Smith Advanced Driving School for Corvettes** located in Pahrump, Nevada. It was a good Christmas.

Ann and I left Charlotte for Las Vegas on Thursday, March 9th compliments of USAirways Frequent Flyer program. After spending a couple of days enjoying Vegas without even putting a quarter in the "one-armed bandits", but really enjoying the sights and people watching, we headed for the booming metropolis of Pahrump. Pahrump is located about 60 miles from Las Vegas, and about half the distance to Death Valley. Pahrump claims a population of about 30,000, but you can't prove it by us. We had a choice of one of the two motels (a Days Inn or the Saddle West) and one main street surrounded on all sides by desert and more desert. Pahrump does have the one winery in the state of Nevada with a nice restaurant attached – more on this oasis later. Sunday brought a day trip to Death Valley, then an early bedtime to get ready for Bragg-Smith at 08:15 Monday morning.

The Bragg-Smith Level One program is a 3-day school using only MY2000 C5 Corvettes. The Vettes are all coupes and FRC 6-speeds on loan from Chevrolet and are "bone-stock", down to the Goodyear EMTs. The only modification is a two-way radio for the instructors to coach and critique each driver. Course time is split about 25% classroom and 75% track. During the 3 days we put in approximately 400 miles on the track and shifted between 4000 and 5000 times. (*My arms and legs thought it was more!*)

Day 1: Conventional vs. ABS braking, skid control, visual scanning, seating position, heel & toe downshifting, and learning the traction limits of the C5 on dry asphalt (*see panoramic view mentioned below*).

Day 2: Endless back and forth on a 1000 ft. straight practicing heel and toe; the regimen: accelerate through the gears into 4th to 60 mph, then brake and downshift 4th to 3rd, 3rd to 2nd, and 2nd to 1st. Then hang a U-turn and do it all over again. Whoever thought doing this in a C5 would get to be tiresome, and boring. Finally TRACK TIME on the 10 turn - 2.2 mile course. Time to put all we had learned to practice. YEAH RIGHT. My legs hurt, I missed shifts, sweat running into my eyes, got slower and slower, all in all sorta like patting my head while trying to rub my tummy. This was the night when Ann and I really appreciated the Pahrump winery. I wasn't sure I wanted to have any more fun.

Day 3: The morning came with some dread, 8 more hours, if it wasn't already paid for, I'm outa-here. Started the day with more heel and toe practice – hey this was starting to work; on to the track – hitting the shift and turn-in points, speed was increasing, legs weren't hurting. It was all coming together – not perfect by a long shot, but certainly getting better and better. This was actually fun, 4:30 and "graduation" came too quick, I wasn't ready to finish, and I wanted more track time!

Things I learned:

- An **apex** is not a flightless bird, and something I was always about 6" to 1 foot from hitting just right.
- **Heel & Toe** downshifting has nothing to do with using the heel or the toe.
- A **360° panoramic** of the Nevada desert through the windshield of a C5 at 45 mph is quite interesting.
- **Active Handling** – don't leave home without it.

When Ann came to pick me up the last day, Rupert Bragg-Smith took her for a "hot" lap to show her what I had spent 3 days trying to learn. He makes it all look so easy.

All in all, it was a great Christmas present. By the end, I was really enjoying myself, learning a lot, learning how much I needed to learn, and as Rupert told us on Day 1, we would change the way we drove forever. What's next? I would like to repeat Level One A or B. Class sizes are limited to 12. Wouldn't it be great to have 12 QCCC members caravanning to Nevada and all taking the class at the same time?

Volunteers let me know!

For some great photos, and more information, visit www.bragg-smith.com.

Travel Tale



Floyd Garret Muscle Car Museum

By Jody Austin

A few weeks ago I was in Gatlinburg for the weekend and found I had some idle time on Saturday morning. I am an avid viewer of classic car and hot rod shows on TV and I noticed many of them mention Floyd Garret's Muscle Car Museum in Sevierville, TN. So, with this time available, I drove to Sevierville, which is only 13 miles from Gatlinburg. Good Golly, what a treat! If you are into 60's and early 70's muscle cars you have to go to this museum.

After arriving at 9:30 and purchasing a ticket I discovered I was the only one in there so I had the run of the place. The museum has about 100 cars and they are beautifully restored. The museum owns many of them and the rest are there on loan. The displays are divided by marque, Chevys in one area, Mopar in another and Fords in another. There was a ZL1 (All Aluminum version of the L88) motor on an engine stand along with all of the other models of the 427 c.i. engine, which are many. If you remember, there were only 2, 1969 Corvettes documented as having the ZL1 (580HP) engine, although more can be found at car shows now, and all of them supposedly original. ---Hmmm! I wonder how that can be? Can you say "Counterfeit"? He has a '71 or '72 Vette, I can't remember which, on display that he bought new in '71, sold it a little while later, then a couple of years ago found it again, restored it, and now has it, along with the original paperwork, on display in the museum. What are the chances of that happening? There is a '69 Camaro that is factory stock with the ZL1 motor and due to the scrutiny the cars are under I doubt it is a counterfeit. Only 69 of these were built. A few notable NASCAR cars are on display also. One of them was a '66 Chevelle that Smokey Yunick built for the '68 Daytona 500, but was outlawed by NASCAR because of the innovations he had incorporated into it. Many of these innovations are now commonplace in today's cars. I guess that shows how far outfront of the curve Smokey was. Another NASCAR car of distinction is one that is an exact copy of the '63 Chevy Junior Johnson drove, all the way down to the Chevy 427 "Mystery Motor". I stayed about an hour and a half and no one else came in during this time, but as I was leaving people started arriving.

They have 'Vettes, Chevelles, Hemi 'Cudas and Challengers, sleeper 409 Chevys, 442's, GTO's, all flawlessly restored, and the list goes on and on. For those of you that are in my age group, let's just say you can remember carrying a draft card and worrying about 'Nam, this is a fantastic trip down memory lane. The tour brings back many thoughts of those Saturday night, stoplight duels many of us engaged in. I have gone to both of the Autofairs, spring and fall, at the Speedway for many years and have never seen a gathering of such nice and unique automobiles as there was at this museum.

Still cameras are allowed, but video tape or movie cameras are not. I forgot my camera when I went and I'm still kicking myself for that error. Admission is \$8. They have a gift shop with memorabilia items. The museum is on Highway #66 in Sevierville, right next to the Chevrolet dealer. Get to Sevierville by exiting I-40 at exit #432 in Tennessee, onto Highway #411, then it is about 20 miles to the intersection with Highway #66 and the museum is approx. a mile from the intersection. If your significant other doesn't want to go to the museum all of the outlet stores in the world are in Pigeon Forge, just a couple of miles away.

Go and enjoy!